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UVODNIK – EDITORIAL

Poštovani čitatelji,

Uvjerena kako se autori članaka vesele svojim objavljenim radovima kao što se i ja veselim što su uspješno prošli sve faze strogih recenzentskih postupaka, vjerujem da ste i vi s nestrpljenjem dočekali novi broj *Acta Turistica* kako biste pročitali zanimljive radove iz različitih područja istraživanja i možda dobili ideju za novo istraživanje. Iako po svakom izlasku novog broja *Acta Turistica* u uredništvu časopisa vlada vesela atmosfera, ipak na žalost moram upozoriti na činjenicu da nam se u posljednje vrijeme opetovano događaju stvari koje nas zgražavaju i koje su apsolutno nespojive s radom u akademskoj zajednici.

Kako je broj zaprimljenih radova za recenziju ipak manji od onih u favoriziranim časopisima, tim više zabrinjava nas udio radova koje su autori već objavili pod istim ili sličnim naslovima u drugim časopisima. Uz to, postala je i svojevrсна „moda“ slati radove na recenziju istovremeno u više časopisa, koristiti se komentarima recenzenata, a onda odustajati od objavljivanja rada nakon prihvaćenih recenzentskih postupaka, jer je isti rad u međuvremenu prihvaćen i u nekom drugom, „više rangiranom“ časopisu. I da se ne bi stvorio krivi dojam, radi se ovdje podjednako o domaćim i stranim autorima iz različitih krajeva svijeta. Kako stati na kraj takvom neetičnom ponašanju dijela beskrupuloznih karijerista u znanosti? Praksa *Acta Turistica* je da takvi autori završavaju na „crnoj listi autora“ čiji se radovi više ne zaprimaju na recenzije, a kod svakog utvrđenog slučaja istovremenog recenziranja u više časopisa, o tome se obavještava i uredništvo dotičnog časopisa.

Poznato je da se izuzetno kvalitetni članci objavljuju i u časopisima koji nisu najviše rangirani, ali da se dogodi da i najprestižniji časopisi objave rad koji ne zavrđuje prostor u najprestižnijem časopisu. Iako *Acta Turistica* na svjetskoj razini ne ulazi u rang

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Dear Readers,

I am convinced that our authors are just as pleased to see their published articles as I am to see that their articles have successfully passed all the stages of the review procedure. I believe that you are eager to read these articles from various research areas and that they will, perhaps, inspire you to start a new research project. Although the publication of each new issue of *Acta Turistica* is usually accompanied by a cheerful atmosphere in the editorial office, this time it is my responsibility to draw your attention to the fact that we have recently faced certain appalling acts that are absolutely incompatible with the standards of conduct in the academic community.

Although *Acta Turistica* receives fewer submitted manuscript than better ranked journals, we are even more concerned with the share of manuscripts submitted which have already been published under the same or similar title in other journals. In addition, it has become ‘fashionable’ to send manuscripts for review to several journals simultaneously and, to use the reviewers’ comments, only to withdraw them from publication once the review process has been completed and the manuscript accepted, due to acceptance of the manuscript in a “higher ranked” journal. To avoid any misinterpretation, I must declare that the authors in question are both local and international. The issue remains: how can we hinder such unethical behaviour on the part of a handful of ruthless ambition-driven careerists? *Acta Turistica*’s practice is to blacklist such authors and refuse to review their manuscripts in the future. Furthermore, every confirmed case of simultaneous reviewing in more than one journal is also reported to the editors of those journals.

Exceptionally high quality articles have been known to appear in journals that may not have the highest ranking, and even the most prestigious journals have published ar-

najprestižnijih časopisa, ona je ipak stekla ugled renomiranog časopisa u kojem su svoje članke objavili mnogi eminentni profesori iz svijeta, najveći autoriteti u određenim područjima teorije turizma. To je zasigurno vrijedno priznanje našem časopisu koji kontinuirano izlazi već pune 24 godine. Naš je cilj kontinuirano podizati kvalitetu i renome časopisu i boriti se svim sredstvima za primjenu svih etičkih i moralnih načela u znatnosti.

Stoga smo izuzetno ponosi na podršci u ostvarenju tog cilja koje nam je dalo i dvanaest novih članova Uređivačkog odbora *Acta Turistica*. Radi se o vrhunskim znanstvenicima iz svih krajeva svijeta koji su bez zadržke prihvatili moj poziv. Koristim ovu priliku da im se i javno zahvalim na povjerenju i izrazim srdačnu dobrodošlicu u Uređivački odbor *Acta Turistica*. Uvjerena sam da ćemo svi zajedno doprinijeti da naša *Acta Turistica* iduće godine dostojno proslavi svoj „srebrni pir“ i hrabro nastavi u svojoj misiji prema zlatnoj obljetnici!

S tom idejom vodiljom želim vas, naši vjerni čitatelji, pozvati na međunarodnu konferenciju s intrigantnom temom - **Myths of Tourism** - koja će se održati od 9. -12. svibnja 2013. godine u prelijepom dalmatinskom gradu Zadru. Konferenciju će zajedno organizirati Sveučilište u Zadru i Ekonomski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu. Detaljne informacije o ovoj konferenciji čekat će vas po povratku s vašeg zasluženog godišnjeg odmora.

Uživajte!

Vaša,

Prof. dr. sc. Nevenka Čavlek
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articles that do not deserve the space. Although *Acta Turistica* may not be ranked among the most prestigious journals in global terms, it has nevertheless earned a reputation as a renowned journal that publishes articles written by globally acclaimed professors and the utmost authorities in specific areas of tourism theory. This is certainly a valuable recognition for our journal and its 24 years of continuous publication. Therefore we are determined to maintain *Acta Turistica*'s increasing quality and reputation, while striving by all means to preserve ethical and moral principles within the academic community.

We are exceptionally proud of the support that we have received towards fulfilling this goal by the twelve new members of the *Acta Turistica* Editorial Board. They are all eminent scholars from around the world who accepted my invitation without reservation. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude and to welcome them to *Acta Turistica*. I am certain that we will contribute to a thriving *Acta Turistica*'s silver anniversary celebration and to its brave mission towards its golden jubilee.

With this thought, dear and faithful readers, I would like to invite you to the upcoming international conference on an intriguing topic "**Myths of Tourism**", to be co-organised by the University of Zadar and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Zagreb in the breathtaking Dalmatian city of Zadar from 9–12 May 2013. More detailed information on the conference will be waiting for you in the mail upon your return from a well-deserved summer holiday.

Enjoy!

Yours,

Professor Nevenka Čavlek
Editor-in-Chief